

rispettiv. Minkejja dan, il-Gvern jista' jtemm l-iskema fi kwalunkwe hin billi jagħti avviz minn qabel.

8.2. L-iskema tista' tiġġedded kif meqjus neċessarju mill-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi permezz ta' Avviz fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

9. Emendi għall-iskema

9.1. Il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jkollu d-dritt li jagħmel kwalunkwe emenda għal din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviz fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

10.1. Meta tinqala' talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proceduri kriminali. F'każ ta' hlas hażin ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mħallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal imprizi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika, speċjalment fir-rigward tad-dikjarazzjonijiet tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni provvduta hija korretta.

11. Persuni kompetenti

11.1. Lista aġġornata tal-persuni li huma approvati mir-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Energija u l-Ilma biex iwettqu xogħol, superviżjoni u ċertifikazzjoni relatati mal-użu tal-LPG f'vetturi bil-mutur tista' tinstab fuq is-sit elettroniku tar-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Energija u l-Ilma kif ġej:

(http://downloads.rews.org.mt/files/1698667f-4dda-41a2-8dcd-c3b97614df62_65e6018b-4e84-4931-876a-957a8f976fe4.pdf).

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Nru. 551

**MINISTERU GĤAT-TRASPORT,
L-INFRASTRUTTURA U X-XOGĤLIJET
PUBBLIĊI**

**Għotjiet mill-Gvern għax-xiri ta' Vetturi Aċċessibbli
għas-Siġġijiet tar-Roti biex jintużaw għat-Trasport ta'
Passiġġieri b'Kiri jew b'Kumpens**

Il-Ministeru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi, flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta, qed joffri incentiv f'forma ta' għotja finanzjarja għal-liċenzjar ta' vetturi ġodda aċċessibbli għas-siġġijiet tar-roti sabiex ikun

Notwithstanding, Government may terminate the scheme at any time by giving prior notice.

8.2. The scheme may be renewed as deemed necessary by the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

9. Amendments to the scheme

9.1. The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall have the right to make any amendments to this scheme by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

10. Fraudulent claims

10.1. Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall report the matter to the Police for criminal procedures to be instituted. In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the said Minister reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. This also applies to undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity, especially with respect to the State Aid declaration. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

11. Competent persons

11.1. An updated list of the persons who are approved by the Regulator for Energy and Water Services to carry out work, supervision and certification related to the use of LPG on motor vehicles may be obtained from the website of the Regulator for Energy and Water Services:

(http://downloads.rews.org.mt/files/1698667f-4dda-41a2-8dcd-c3b97614df62_65e6018b-4e84-4931-876a-957a8f976fe4.pdf).

26th April, 2024

No. 551

**MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND
PUBLIC WORKS**

**Government Grant on the purchase of
Wheelchair-Accessible Vehicles to be used for the
Transport of Passengers for Hire or Reward**

The Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works, together with the Authority for Transport in Malta, is offering an incentive in the form of a financial grant for the licensing of new wheelchair-accessible vehicles to offer any

offrut wiehed mis-servizzi msemija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument, sabiex persuni li jagħmlu użu minn sigġijiet tar-roti jkollhom aċċess faċli u mingħajr bżonn ta' għajjnuna għal dawn is-servizzi ta' trasport.

Permezz ta' din l-iskema persuni li għandhom liċenzja biex joffru wiehed mis-servizzi msemija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument jistgħu jirċievu għotja li tammonta għal għaxart elef ewro (€10,000) meta jillicenzjaw vettura ġdida li tkun aċċessibbli għas-sigġu tar-roti biex tintuża taht dawn il-liċenzji u fl-istess ħin inehħu mir-registrazzjoni vettura oħra fil-kategorija M1 jew N1, li jkollha mill-anqas għaxar (10) snin mis-sena tal-manifattura tagħha u li tkun irregistrata f'isem l-applikant fil-jum tat-tneħħija mir-registrazzjoni.

L-iskema hija meqjusa li dahlet fis-seħħ fl-1 ta' Jannar 2024 u ser tkun implimentata fuq bażi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel. L-iskema tibqa' miftuha sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2024, jew sakemm jiġi eżawrit il-baġit allokat għaliha li jammonta għal mija u hamsin elf ewro (€150,000).

Il-kundizzjonijiet ta' din l-iskema huma bla preġudizzju għall-ħtiġijiet stipulati fir-regolamenti tas-servizzi tat-trasport imsemija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument u dawn il-ħtiġijiet għandhom japplikaw dejjem sakemm ma jkun speċifikat mod ieħor.

Sidien li rregistraw vettura aċċessibbli għas-sigġijiet tar-roti biex joffru wiehed mis-servizzi msemija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument fl-2023 u li ma bbenefikawx mill-iskema rispettiva ta' dik is-sena jew ta' xi sena preċedenti jistgħu japplikaw għal din l-iskema.

L-Iskema

1. Interpretazzjoni

Għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, sakemm il-kuntest ma jeħtieġx mod ieħor:

'applikant' tfisser il-persuna jew l-impriza li tkun qiegħda tapplika għall-għotja taht din l-iskema u li, apparti li tkun residenti jew stabbilita f'Malta, ikollha liċenzja biex topera wiehed mis-servizzi msemija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument;

'applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni li ssir għal għotja taht din l-iskema;

'Awtorità' tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta stabbilita taht id-dispożizzjonijiet tal-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Kap. 499 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

'għotja' tfisser l-għotja li qiegħda tingħata taht din l-iskema lix-xerrej ta' vettura aċċessibbli għas-sigġu tar-roti sabiex tkun licenzjata biex toffri wiehed mis-servizzi msemija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument;

of the services listed in Section 2 of this document, so that persons who make use of wheelchairs may have easy and unaided access to these transport services.

Through this scheme persons who hold a licence to offer any of the services listed in Section 2 of this document may receive a grant amounting to ten thousand Euro (€10,000) when licensing a new vehicle which is wheelchair-accessible to be used under that licences, and at the same time de-register another M1, or N1 category vehicle which is at least ten (10) years old from its year of manufacture and which is registered on the applicant's name on the date of deregistration.

The scheme is deemed to have come into effect on the 1st of January 2024 and shall be implemented on a first come first served basis. The scheme shall remain open until the 31st of December 2024, or until the allocated budget of one hundred and fifty thousand Euro (€150,000) is exhausted.

The conditions of this scheme are without prejudice to the requirements stipulated in the regulations for the transport services listed Section 2 of this document; and such requirements shall always apply unless otherwise specified.

Owners who registered a wheelchair accessible vehicle to offer any of the services listed in Section 2 in 2023 but did not benefit from the respective grant scheme for that year or any previous year may still apply for this scheme.

The Scheme

1. Interpretation

For the purpose of this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

'applicant' means the person or undertaking applying for the grant under this scheme and who, apart from residing or being established in Malta, holds a licence to operate any of the services listed in Section 2 of this document;

'application' means the application made for a grant under this scheme;

'Authority' means the Authority for Transport in Malta set up under the provisions of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (Cap. 499 of the Laws of Malta);

'grant' means the grant being given under this scheme to the purchaser of a wheelchair-accessible vehicle to be licensed to offer any of the services listed in Section 2 of this document;

'impriza stabbilita f'Malta' tfisser entità kummerċjali stabbilita f'Malta, inkluż persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Liġi Nazzjonali, fondazzjoni jew soċjetà kooperattiva;

'impriza waħda' tinkludi, għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, l-intraprizi kollha li jkollhom bejniethom mill-inqas waħda mir-relazzjonijiet li ġejjin:

a) intrapriża waħda li jkollha l-maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'intrapriża oħra;

b) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt li tahtar jew li tneħhi maġġoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew superviżorju ta' intrapriża oħra;

c) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt teżerċita influwenza dominanti fuq intrapriża oħra skont kuntratt li tkun daħlet fih flimkien ma' dik l-intrapriża jew skont dispozizzjoni tal-memorandum jew statut ta' assoċjazzjoni tagħha;

d) intrapriża waħda, illi tkun azzjonista fi jew membru ta' intrapriża oħra, tikkontrolla waħidha, skont ftehim ma' azzjonisti oħra fi jew membri ta' dik l-intrapriża, maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-voti tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'dik l-intrapriża.

L-intraprizi li jkollhom waħda mir-relazzjonijiet imsemmijin fil-punti minn (a) sa (d) permezz ta' intrapriża waħda jew aktar, għandhom ukoll jitqiesu bħala impriza waħda.

'liċenzja' tfisser il-liċenzja taċ-ċirkolazzjoni li tinħareġ fuq vettura bil-mutur biex tkun tista' tinstaq fit-triq u li tkun trid tiġġedded kull sena;

'Malta' tfisser il-Gżejjer Maltin;

'persuna' tfisser persuna fiżika;

'persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna fiżika li jkollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti oħra tal-Identità (Kap. 258 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta) jew li jkollha permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju tal-espatrijazzjoni fil-Ministeru għall-Affarijiet Barranin;

'sid reġistrat' tfisser il-persuna jew l-impriza li f'isimha vettura tkun giet irreġistrata mill-Awtorità;

'tneħhija mir-reġistrazzjoni' tfisser it-tneħhija permanenti ta' vettura bil-mutur mir-reġistrazzjoni tagħha mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta u wara, dik il-vettura ma għandha qatt terġa' tiġi rreġistrata biex tintuża fit-triq f'Malta;

'undertaking established in Malta' means a commercial entity established in Malta, including a self-employed person in accordance with National Law, a foundation or a cooperative society;

'single undertaking' includes, for the purposes of this scheme, all enterprises having at least one of the following relationships with each other:

a) one enterprise has a majority of the shareholders' or members' voting rights in another enterprise;

b) one enterprise has the right to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body of another enterprise;

c) one enterprise has the right to exercise a dominant influence over another enterprise pursuant to a contract entered with that enterprise or pursuant to a provision in its memorandum or articles of association;

d) one enterprise, which is a shareholder in or member of another enterprise, controls alone, pursuant to an agreement with other shareholders in or members of that enterprise, a majority of shareholders' or members' voting rights in that enterprise.

Enterprises having any of the relationships referred to in points (a) to (d) above through one or more other enterprises shall also be considered to be a single undertaking.

'licence' means the circulation licence issued on a motor vehicle to be driven on the road and which is to be renewed annually;

'Malta' means the Maltese Islands;

'person' means a natural person;

'person residing in Malta' means a natural person who either holds a legally valid identification document issued in terms of the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act (Cap. 258 of the Laws of Malta) or who has a residence permit or a letter issued from the expatriate office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

'registered owner' means the person or undertaking in whose name a motor vehicle is registered by the Authority;

'de-registration' means the permanent removal of a motor vehicle from its registration with the Authority for Transport in Malta and thereafter, that motor vehicle shall never be registered again to be used on the road in Malta;

'vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti' tfisser vettura bil-mutur tal-kategorija M1 li tippermetti aċċess faċli u bla għajjnuna lil persuni li jagħmlu użu minn siġġijiet tar-roti;

'vettura tal-Kategorija M1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur uzata għall-ġarr ta' persuni u li tista' ġgħorr mhux aktar minn tmien (8) passiġġieri minbarra s-sewwieq;

'vettura tal-Kategorija N1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur uzata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li l-oġġla massa tagħha ma tkunx aktar minn tliet tunnelli u nofs (3.5);

'vettura bil-mutur ġdida' tfisser vettura li qatt ma ġiet irreġistrata qabel f'ebda pajjiż;

'vettura li tneħħiet mir-reġistrazzjoni' tfisser vettura bil-mutur tal-Kategorija M1 jew N1 li tneħħitilha r-reġistrazzjoni.

2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2.1. L-iskema tapplika għal persuni li jkunu residenti f'Malta u l-imprizi kollha stabbiliti f'Malta, jekk dik il-persuna jew impriza jkollha liċenzja biex toffri wiehed minn dawn is-servizzi:

A. Servizz ta' Taxi skont ir-Regolamenti dwar Servizzi tat-Taxi (L.S. 499.59); jew

B. Servizz ta' Trasport skont ir-Regolamenti dwar Servizzi ta' Ġarr ta' Passiġġieri b'Vetturi Żgħar u Servizzi ta' Kiri ta' Vetturi (L.S.499.68).

2.2. Minbarra l-konformità mal-klawsola 2.1, sabiex ikun eliġibbli għal din l-ġhotja applikant għandu jkun is-sid reġistrat ta' vettura bil-mutur tal-kategorija M1 jew N1 li għandha mill-anqas għaxar (10) snin mis-sena tal-manifattura, li tkun irreġistrata f'isem l-applikant fil-jum tat-tneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni, u li titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni.

2.3. Regoli dwar l-Għajjnuna mill-Istat

Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet għal ġhotja taht din l-iskema minn imprizi, l-assistenza se tingħata f'konformità mar-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2831 tat-13 ta' Diċembru 2023 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal għajjnuna *de minimis* (GU L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

L-ammont totali ta' għajjnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriza waħda m'għandux jaqbeż il-limiti stabbilit fir-Regolamenti *de minimis* indikat hawn fuq. L-ammont totali tal-għajjnuna *de minimis* m'għandux jaqbeż il-€300,000 għal kull impriza waħda fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin.

'wheelchair-accessible vehicle' means an M1 category motor vehicle that allows easy and unaided access to persons who make use of wheelchairs.

'Category M1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons and which may carry no more than eight (8) passengers in addition to the driver;

'Category N1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding three and a half (3.5) tonnes;

'new motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle which has never been registered in any country;

'de-registered vehicle' means a Category M1 or N1 motor vehicle which has been de-registered;

2. Area of applicability

2.1. The scheme applies to persons residing in Malta and undertakings established in Malta, if that person or undertaking holds a licence to offer any of the following services:

A. Taxi services in accordance with the Taxi Services Regulations (S.L.499.59); or

B. Transport Services in accordance with the Light Passenger Transport Services and Vehicle Hire Services Regulations (S.L.499.68).

2.2. In addition to compliance with clause 2.1, to be eligible for this grant an applicant shall also be the registered owner of a Category M1 or N1 motor vehicle which is at least ten (10) years old from the year of manufacture, which is registered on the applicant's name on the date of de-registration, and which is de-registered.

2.3. State aid rules

In the case of grant applications under this scheme by undertakings assistance will be provided in line with Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to *de minimis* aid (OJ L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

In the case of an application by an undertaking, payment shall only be affected if the applicant would not have reached the maximum threshold established in the *de minimis* Regulation. The total amount of *de minimis* aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €300,000 per single undertaking over any period of three years.

Dan il-limitu massimu jkun jinkludi l-għajjnuna kollha mill-Istat mogħtija taħt din l-iskema ta' għajjnuna u kwalunkwe miżura oħra ta' għajjnuna mill-Istat implimentata f'konformità mar-Regolament *de minimis* inkluż dik riċevuta u applikata għaliha minn kwalunkwe entità Maltija għajr Transport Malta fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin kif applikabbli. Kwalunkwe għajjnuna *de minimis* riċevuta li taqbeż il-limitu stabbilit se jkollha tiġi rkuprata, bl-imghax, mill-impriza li tirċievi l-għajjnuna.

L-applikanti kollha li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFEU għandhom jimlew u jissottomettu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni *de minimis* iffirmata li tindika kwalunkwe għajjnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u applikata għaliha mill-impriza waħda matul il-perjodu ta' referenza applikabbli ta' tliet snin. L-informazzjoni li għandha tiġi pprovduta għandha tinkludi dettalji dwar għajjnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u applikata għaliha mill-impriza kollha li jiffurmaw parti mill-impriza waħda relatata mal-impriza applikanti. Din id-dikjarazzjoni għandha tkun iffirmata u kkonfermata wkoll minn awditur bil-warrant.

3. Kif għandha ssir l-applikazzjoni u d-dokumenti ta' sostenn

3.1. Wara li l-vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti tkun ġiet irregistrata f'Malta, l-aġent jew l-applikant għandu jissottometti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH 053 f'konformità ma' kwalunkwe kundizzjoni stipulata fiha.

3.2. Il-lista t'hawn fuq hija mingħajr preġudizzju għal kwalunkwe dokumenti meħtieġa biex tkun irregistrata l-vettura u biex tkun illiċenzjata taħt is-servizz tat-trasport applikabbli kif imsemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument.

3.3. L-applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi mill-applikant matul il-ġranet tax-xogħol bejn is-7.30 a.m. u s-1.00 p.m. jew mibgħuta bil-posta lid-Dipartiment dwar il-Liċenzjar ta' Sewwieqa u Vetturi (DVLU) ta' Transport Malta fuq:

a) L-ewwel Livell, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Raħal Ġdid PLA1212; jew

b) Malta Transport Centre, Triq il-Pantar, Hal Lija LJA2021; jew

c) Transport Malta, Pjazza San Franġisk, Ir-Rabat, Għawdex.

4. Eligibbiltà

4.1. Sabiex ikun eliġibbli, applikant għandu jkun konformi mat-Taqsima 2, u mal-kundizzjonijiet u r-regolamenti kollha relatati mas-servizz applikabbli kif imsemmi fit-Taqsima 2.

This maximum threshold would include all State aid granted under this aid scheme and any other State aid measure implemented in line with the *de minimis* rule including that received and/or applied for from any Maltese entity other than Transport Malta over the applicable three year period. Any *de minimis* aid received in excess of the established threshold will have to be recovered, with interest, from the undertaking receiving the aid.

All applicants that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are to fill in and submit, together with the application form, a signed *de minimis* declaration form indicating any *de minimis* aid received and applied for by the single undertaking during the applicable three-year reference period. The information to be provided shall include details regarding *de minimis* aid received and applied for, by all undertakings forming part of the single undertaking related to the applicant undertaking. This declaration shall also be signed and confirmed by a warranted auditor.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

3.1. After the wheelchair-accessible vehicle is registered in Malta, the applicant shall submit application form VEH 053 in compliance with any conditions stipulated therein.

3.2. The above list is without prejudice to any documents required to register the vehicle and to license it under the applicable transport service as listed in Section 2 of this document.

3.3. Applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant during working days between 7.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. or mailed to Transport Malta's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Unit (DVLU) at:

a) Level 1, A3 Towers, Arcade Street, Paola PLA1212;

b) Malta Transport Centre, Pantar Road, Hal Lija LJA2021; or

c) Transport Malta, St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo.

4. Eligibility

4.1 To be eligible, an applicant shall conform with Section 2, and with all conditions and regulations related to the applicable service as listed in Section 2.

4.2. Biex tikkwalifika għall-għotja, vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti għandha tkun:

a) vettura bil-mutur ġdida tal-kategorija M1 meħtieġa sabiex toffri s-servizz applikabbli kif imsemmi fit-Taqsima 2; u

b) liċenzjata biex topera s-servizz applikabbli kif imsemmi fit-Taqsima 2 sa mhux aktar tard mill-31 ta' Diċembru tal-2024; u

c) manifatturata b'tali mod sabiex persuna li tuża siġġu tar-roti tkun tista' taċċessa l-vettura faċilment u mingħajr għajjnuna, u tkun tista' tingarr fil-vettura b'mod sikur; jew

d) Modifikata lokalment, hekk kif approvat mill-Uniċa Teknika tal-Awtorità, sabiex persuna li tuża siġġu tar-roti tkun tista' taċċessa l-vettura faċilment u mingħajr għajjnuna, u tkun tista' tingarr fil-vettura b'mod sikur.

4.3. Biex tikkwalifika, vettura bil-mutur li tkun se titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni jeħtieġ:

a) ikollha mill-anqas għaxar (10) snin fid-data meta ssiir l-applikazzjoni, bl-età tiġi kkalkulata billi titnaqqas is-sena tal-manifattura tal-vettura murija fuq iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura mis-sena li fiha tkun ġiet sottomessa l-applikazzjoni;

b) tkun liċenzjata f'isem l-applikant fid-data meta titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni, u fid-data meta tiġi rreġistrata l-vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu bir-roti l-ġdida, skont kif muri fiċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni jew kif ikkonfermat mill-Awtorità;

c) tkun ġiet mgħoddija go faċilità ta' trattament awtorizzata;

d) tkun tneħħiet mir-reġistrazzjoni skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tat-Taqsima VIII tar-Regolamenti dwar ir-Reġistrazzjoni u l-Liċenzjar ta' Vetturi bil-Mutur (L.S. 368.02) mhux qabel l-1 ta' Jannar 2023.

e) Vetturi mneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni li jkunu bbenefikaw mid-dispożizzjonijiet tal-L.S.65.24 ma jkunux eliġibbli għal din l-iskema ta' skreppjar.

4.4. L-għotja li tingħata m'għandhiex titqies bhala dħul għall-finijiet ta' taxxa.

4.5. L-iskema se tkun limitata għal hmistax-il (15) vettura eliġibbli fuq bażi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel.

5. Hlas tal-għotja

5.1. Meta applikant jikkwalifika għall-għotja, dik l-għotja titħallas direttament lill-applikant.

4.2 To qualify for the grant, a wheelchair-accessible vehicle shall be:

a) a new M1 category motor vehicle required to offer the applicable service as listed in Section 2; and

b) licensed to operate the applicable services as listed in Section 2 by not later than 31st December 2024; and

c) manufactured in a way so that a person using a wheelchair may access the vehicle easily and unaided, and may be transported in the vehicle safely; or

d) modified locally, as approved by the Authority's Technical Unit, so that a person using a wheelchair may access the vehicle easily and unaided and may be transported in the vehicle safely.

4.3 To qualify, a motor vehicle that shall be de-registered shall:

a) have at least ten (10) years on the date of application, with the age being calculated by deducting the vehicle's year of manufacture shown on the vehicle's registration certificate from the year in which the application is submitted;

b) be licensed in the name of the applicant on the date when the vehicle is to be destructed, and on the date when the new Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle is registered, as shown on the vehicle's registration certificate or as confirmed by the Authority;

c) have been transferred to an authorised treatment facility;

d) have been de-registered in terms of Part VIII of the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations (S.L.368.02) not earlier than 1st January 2023.

e) Deregistered vehicles which had benefitted from the provisions of S.L.65.24 shall not be eligible for this scrappage scheme.

4.4 The grant given shall not be assessed as income for tax purposes.

4.5 The scheme will be limited to fifteen (15) eligible vehicles on a first-come-first-served basis.

5. Payment of Grant

5.1. Where an applicant qualifies for the grant, such grant shall be paid directly to that applicant.

5.2. Il-ħlas isir biss jekk l-applikant ma jkunx laħaq il-limiti stabbiliti mir-Regolament *de minimis* kif stabbilit f'sezzjoni 2.3.

5.3. L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu sostnuti b'evidenza li l-kont bankarju indikat għall-ħlas huwa miżmum, biss jew flimkien, mill-applikant jew minn konjuġi tal-applikant.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

6.1. Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li tkun giet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma tkunx imtliet b'mod shiħ u tkun akkumpanjata mid-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timteliex tajjeb u d-dokumenti rilevanti ma jkunux inklużi, it-talba għall-għotja ma tiġix proċessata sakemm tingħata l-informazzjoni nieqsa.

6.2. L-Awtorità m'għandhiex tinzamm responsabbli għal xi telf ta' għotjiet jew opportunitajiet li jirriżultaw mis-sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjoni mhux kompluta jew mhux korretta.

7. Rifuzjoni tal-għotja

7.1. Kwalunkwe vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija mill-applikant taħt din l-għotja għandha tibqa' rreġistrata f'isem l-applikant u użata biex toffri l-istess servizz kif elenkat fit-Taqsima 2 għal perjodu ta' mill-inqas sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tal-ewwel reġistrazzjoni.

7.2. Jekk is-sid reġistrat ta' vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti li fuqha tkun inħarġet għotja taħt din l-iskema jittrasferixxi l-imsemmija vettura lil terza persuna jew jilličenzja l-vettura għall-użu privat qabel l-iskadenza tal-perjodu msemmi hawn fuq, allura dik il-persuna għandha turrifondi l-għotja li rċeviet minghand Transport Malta.

7.3. Ir-rifuzjoni msemmija f'7.2. hawn fuq m'għandhomx ikunu meħtieġa fiċ-ċirkostanzi li ġejjin:

7.3.1. Meta t-trasferiment imsemmi fih ikun trasferiment causa mortis lil werriet jew lil terza persuna.

7.3.2. Meta t-trasferiment jinvolvi vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija taħt din l-għotja li tkun iddikjarata li ma tistax tisewwa wara inċident jew għal kwalunkwe raġuni oħra u tinbidel b'vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti tal-istess mudell jew mudell ekwivalenti, f'liema każ il-kundizzjonijiet relatati għal din l-għotja għandhom jiġu trasferiti lill-vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti li tiegħu post dik originali.

7.3.3. Meta t-trasferiment jinvolvi vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija taħt din l-għotja li tingħata lura lill-aġent jew negozjant oriġinali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u meta l-aġent jew negozjant jaċċetta li jibdel l-imsemmija vettura

5.2. Payment shall be affected only if the applicant would not have reached the limits established in the *d minimis* Regulation as specified in section 2.3.

5.3. Applications shall be supported by evidence that the bank account indicated for payment is held, solely or jointly, by the applicant or by a spouse of the applicant.

6. Validity of application

6.1 An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted by the applicant unless it is completed in full and is accompanied by all the relevant documents. If the application is not completed correctly and the relevant documents are not included, the claim for the grant shall not be processed unless the missing information is provided.

6.2 The Authority shall not be held responsible for any loss of grants or opportunities resulting from the submission of an incomplete or incorrect application.

7. Refunding of grant

7.1. Any new wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased by the applicant under this grant shall remain registered in the applicant's name and used to offer the same service as listed in Section 2 for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of first registration.

7.2. If the registered owner of a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle on which a grant has been issued under this scheme transfers the said vehicle to a third party or licences the vehicle for private use before the expiry of the above-mentioned period, then that person shall refund the grant received from Transport Malta.

7.3. The refund mentioned in 7.2. above shall not be required in the following circumstances:

7.3.1. When the transfer mentioned therein is a transfer causa mortis to an heir or to a third party.

7.3.2. When the transfer involves a wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased under this grant which is declared to be unrepairable following an accident or for any other reason and is replaced by a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle of the same or equivalent model, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the wheelchair-accessible vehicle replacing the original one.

7.3.3. When the transfer involves a wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased under this grant which is returned to the original agent or dealer for any reason, and where the agent or dealer accepts to replace the said wheelchair-accessible

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7.3.4. Meta impriża titneħħa minn ġewwa impriża waħda u l-vettura tiġi trasferita għal impriża oħra fi hdan l-istess impriża waħda.

7.4. Meta vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija taht din l-għotja tiġi rritornata lill-aġent jew negozjant oriġinali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u l-aġent jew negozjant ma jibdilhiex b'vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti iżda jirrifondi lill-applikant bil-prezz imħallas kollu jew parti minnu għall-vettura l-ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti, jew jibdilha ma' vettura mhux aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti, l-applikant għandu jirrifondi parti mill-għotja riċevuta għall-vettura l-ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti skont il-perjodu li għadda mix-xiri tal-vettura u r-ritorn tagħha lill-aġent, kif elenkat hawn taht:

1. Inqas minn 12-il xahar: 75%;
2. Aktar minn 12-il xahar iżda inqas minn 24 xahar: 50%;
3. Aktar minn 24 xahar iżda inqas minn 36 xahar: 25%.

8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

Din l-iskema tibqa' fis-sehħ sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2024 sakemm ma tiġix modifikata jew mitmuma qabel permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. L-iskema tiġi mitmuma b'mod awtomatiku meta l-ammont totali ta' għotjiet approvati jilhaq il-mija u hamsin elf ewro (€150,000).

9. Emendi lill-iskema

Il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu d-dritt li jagħmel kwalunkwe emendi lil din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

Fejn ikun hemm talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proċeduri kriminali. F'każ ta' hłas hażin ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport jirrizerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mħallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal impriži u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika, speċjalment fir-rigward tar-regolamenti tal-Għajjuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija korretta.

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vehicle with a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle of the same or equivalent model, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the wheelchair-accessible vehicle replacing the original one.

7.3.4. When an undertaking is struck off from within a single undertaking and the vehicle is transferred to another undertaking within the same single undertaking.

7.4. When a wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased under this grant is returned to the original agent or dealer for any reason, and the agent or dealer does not replace it with a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle but refunds the applicant with all or part of the price paid for the new wheelchair-accessible vehicle, or replaces it with a non-wheelchair-accessible vehicle, the applicant shall refund part of the grant received for the new wheelchair-accessible vehicle depending on the period elapsed from the purchase of the vehicle and its return to the agent, as listed below:

1. Less than 12 months: 75%;
2. More than 12 months but less than 24 months: 50%;
3. More than 24 months but less than 36 months : 25%.

8. Duration of scheme

This scheme shall remain in force until the 31st of December 2024 unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette. The scheme shall be automatically terminated when the total amount of approved grants reaches the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand Euro (€150,000).

9. Amendments to the scheme

The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works has the right to make any amendments to this scheme by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

10. Fraudulent claims

Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall report the matter to the Police for criminal procedures to be instituted. In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the Minister responsible for Transport reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. This also applies to undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out economic activity, especially with respect to State Aid regulations. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

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